

Saddleback Ridge Wind Project: Process for Consideration of the Application on Remand

At the Board meeting on May 2nd, the Board will accept comment from the parties on the process for consideration of this matter.

Suggested Procedure

- Proposed changes to the project in response to the ruling by the Law Court were filed with the Board and copied to the Commissioner and appellants on April 9, 2013.
- At the Board meeting on May 2, 2013, the Board will receive comment from the licensee and the appellants on the procedure going forward.
- Following the Board meeting, the Board Chair will issue a procedural order specifying the procedure going forward.
- The Board will provide notice to the parties and interested persons on the procedure going forward including a deadline for written comments from the public on the applicant's proposed changes to the project.
- Concurrently:
 - The Department will initiate its review of the applicant's submission and will hire a sound consultant to conduct a peer review of the applicant's revised project.
 - The appellants and the public may submit evidence and comment on the proposed changes to the project and whether the project meets the current noise rules for wind energy developments. The deadline for comment will allow time for comment on the report submitted by the Department's peer reviewer.
- Following its review of all evidence and comments received, including the peer review of the project, staff will draft a recommended order for the Board's consideration.
- The draft Board order will be available for public comment for 15 working days.
- Staff will review and consider the comments on the draft Board order and revise as appropriate.
- The Board will hear oral argument and vote on the draft Board order at a Board meeting.